

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A surgical instrument that automatically ties simple interrupted sutures is described. The user adjusts the tension in the suture loop. The instrument can use any of the currently used suture materials. In one form, sutures, a needle and two small blades come in a modular unit that is attached to a main piece. The advantages of conventional suturing are combined with the practicality of a surgical stapler.

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